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In re application of:

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: NETWORK SYSTEM, DATA DISTRIBUTION METHOD, AND

RECORDING MEDIUM ON WHICH DISTRIBUTION USE DATA IS RECORDED AND WHICH CAN BE READ BY COMPUTER



INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

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Sir:

In compliance with applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, the following is information of which applicants are aware and which the Examiner may consider to be important in the examination of the above-identified application:

U.S. Patent No. 5,758,086 - MAEGAWA

Japanese Unexamined Patent Appln. No. 9-298550 with English Abstract thereof

A copy of each of the above-listed information is attached hereto this paper.

The above-listed information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office can, in the first instance, determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. See 37 C.F.R. 1.104(a) and 1.106(b) concerning the Patent and Trademark Office duty to

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